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Spotlight on Collections

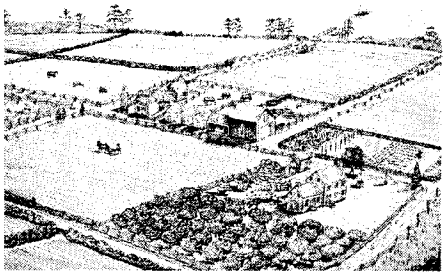
The Nabb Research Center was pleased to receive an addition to its ever-growing postcard collection. Dr. Patricia Emerson donated a wonderful array of postcards, from the early 1900s, along with a unique wooden family toy that has been with her family for over two generations. The slightly tattered wooden figure has been a treasured item for Emerson and her family. She wanted the Nabb Center to preserve the toy, as it is representative of early United States material culture.

The postcards that she donated are exceptional representations of our 20th century history as well. The majority were made and printed in Germany. The decorations vary from embossed flowers and velvet appliqués to a uniquely embroidered floral design. Embroidered postcards are incredibly rare. The quality of these cards is unmatched by present-day postcards. Before the days of telephones and e-mails, people depended on material modes of communication; even simple one-line messages were sent through the mail.

The Nabb Center has received many antique items from Emerson. She has contributed clocks, ceramic jugs and crocks, coverlets and even furniture. The Nabb Center hopes to have all of its material culture donations on display for the public to see. These items are a way to expand our knowledge and continued understanding of Delmarva's past.

A Lower Delmarva Farmstead Circa 1800

Step back in time with this detailed depiction of life on Delmarva. Prints of this limited edition sketch were donated to the Nabb Research Center by artist and Nabb Board member Richard B. Carter. Due to the accuracy of the scene portrayed, it has even been used by Dr. Ray Thompson in his graduate research class. We are pleased to offer it for sale to our patrons. Black and white prints are17 1/2" x 18 1/2". Available for $15, it makes a unique gift for the holidays. Shipping charges are extra.



African-American Family History Workshop Saturday, January 17, 2004

Join Dr. Clara Small of Salisbury University in researching African-American family roots in the Delmarva region. Small will help researchers navigate the roadblocks and the unique problems historians face when exploring African-American family histories and the special issues that are intimately connected to them.

The workshop is from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Nabb Research Center on SU's East Campus. Time will be allotted for lunch. The price is $40; Nabb members and SU students will receive a $5 discount. A research methods handbook will be provided. For reservations and directions please contact Jeri Hurley, 410-677-5404, or Carol Brady, 410-548-4481, at the Center for Professional Development. For program information go to the calendar page of the Nabb Web site http://nabbhistory.salisbury.edu.

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Special Announcement

The Nabb Center offers a members-only and donors-only book sale. The family of the late Richard Cooper, a well-known Delmarva historian, has donated some of his books to the Center to offer for sale. Our members and donors get "first dibs" on all of these works—some autographed copies—at a special, low price before we open the collection to the general public. In appreciation to those who contribute so much to the Center, we would like to give you an opportunity to acquire these before they are gone. These books are wonderful as a gift for others or as a treat for yourself! Pristine copies of *Portrait of Salisbury, Maryland Thru the 1900s: The Places, the Faces and The Times* and gently used copies of *Profile of a Colonial Community on Maryland's Eastern Shore* are available for only $30. Call 410-546-6312 for more details..

Native American History Month Workshop Monday, November 10, 2003

Dawn Manyfeathers will be presenting a workshop on the Native American art of basket weaving. This traditional method creates coil baskets out of natural pine needles. Two sessions are available: 1-3:30 p.m. and 5-7:30 p.m. The event is $25; Nabb members and SU students receive a $5 discount. Call 410-543-6312 or e-mail rcdhac@salisbury.edu to reserve your spot.

Architecture at Arlington

The Arlington Foundation has graciously lent the complete archaeological and architectural exhibit of the Arlington Mansion at Old Plantation Creek to the Nabb Center. This beautiful display of artifacts from the 17th century will only be here for one more month. For more information call the Center at 410-543-6312 or e-mail rcdhac@salisbury.edu.

This turkey postcard is from our new collection highlighted in the newsletter.

Closings

The Nabb Center will be closed November 27-30. Happy Thanksgiving!
It will also be closed for winter break December 15-January 1. Enjoy the holidays!

Family Genealogy Workshop Saturday, February 7, 2004

Dr. Ray Thompson of Salisbury University will present a workshop on the genealogical research of Delmarva families. Thompson will tell of the significance of oral history and the intricacies involved in deciphering Colonial handwriting and jargon. He will demonstrate how to use the best sources available in a "hands-on" manner and will provide a handbook on research methods and sources.

The workshop will be an all-day event from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. with a break for lunch. Held at the Nabb Research Center, the price is $40; Nabb members and SU students receive a $5 discount. For more information and to reserve a seat contact the Center at 410-543-6312 or visit http://nabbhistory@salisbury.edu.